

MAGNIFICENT MIGHTY MAX

Lesson Plan for reading and comprehension

Recommended Age: 5 to 7 year old children

Resources: The story of Magnificent Mighty Max

Learning Goals: 1) Teaching a child to progress from reading to comprehension.
2) Discuss the meaning of 'respect' by asking questions about the behaviour of the main dog characters in the story.

Instructions: Read the story or ask children to read the story. (use the extract from the story if you do not have the story book)

Questions and answers:

1. Who is your favourite dog character in the story and why?
2. What did Magnificent Mighty Max and Schnoodle learn from each other?
3. Why was Magnificent Mighty Max grumpy and aggressive?
4. Help children to find examples in the story of respect and lack of respect.
5. How should we treat others who do not look like us, dress like us, speak the same language, eat the same food?
6. How should we treat our classmates if they are different from us?

Activity extensions: Role play with adult supervision. Encourage children to use dialogue from the story of Magnificent Mighty Max to convey the difference between disrespect and respect.
If appropriate, make props (e.g. dog masks for role play)

MAGNIFICENT MIGHTY MAX – STORY EXTRACT

Bulldog growls and snarls at Schnoodle.

‘My skin is smooth and beautiful. You are a silly scruffy ball of grey fur. Your tail is too long. I don’t like it.’

‘I’m not... I’m not scared of you Bulldog. You can’t bully me!’ yaps Schnoodle.

‘My name is NOT Bulldog! I’m NOT a bullying Bulldog. My name is Magnificent Mighty Max!’

‘Are you an English Bulldog or an Australian Bulldog? Or maybe a French Bulldog?’ barks Schnoodle.

‘Why does it matter what kind of Bulldog I am? Is one kind of Bulldog better than another?’ growls Bulldog aggressively.

Frothy white saliva collects on the edges of Bulldog’s mouth.

Long slithers of saliva dribble onto Schnoodle’s tartan cap.

‘Don’t get angry Bulldog. I’m curious about other dogs and where they come from,’ whines Schnoodle.

‘So what kind of dog are you?’ growls Bulldog.

‘I’m a Schnoodle. Everyone thinks I’m special and fun to play with,’ whimpers Schnoodle.

‘What’s a Schnoodle? What a silly name!’ growls Bulldog.

‘A Schnoodle is a cross between a Schnauzer and a Poodle. My daddy was a Schnauzer and my mummy was a Poodle.’

‘Cross breeds are not real dogs,’ snarls Bulldog.



